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REFERENCES

- The applicant(s) wish to make of record the references listed on the attached form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed references are attached, where required, as are either statements of relevancy or any readily available English translations of pertinent portions of any non-English language references. It is noted that the claims of the present application were substantially copied from U.S. Patent No. 6,199,048 in order provoke an interference. A 607 Request will be filed later, but it is expressly noted that that patent is involved in the litigation cited herein.
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- □ Attached is a list of applicant's pending application(s) or issued patent(s) which may be related to the present application. A copy of the patent(s), together with a copy of the claims and drawings of the pending application(s) is attached along with PTO 1449.
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